

Amended specification:

Page 9, first full paragraph, amended:

At the end of the drilling spindle 13 facing away from the tool holder 12, an arresting impact mechanism 28 is located. The arresting impact mechanism 28 has first and second parts 28a and 28b and is used for delivering axial impacts against the drilling spindle 13. The arresting impact mechanism 28 is turned off in a conventional manner, so that the percussion drilling machine 10 can be also used as a drilling machine with two stages.